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1. INDOCHINA

IN 3/5 CBS/RADIO CALL-IN BY PUBLIC TO SPEAK WITH PRES, ONE
CALLER SUGGESTED VN VET ACCOMPANY WOODCOCK MISSION TO
HANOI. CARTER REPLIED MEMBERS ALREADY CHOSEN; SAID HE HAD
CONSIDERED SENDING VET OR MEMBER MIA FAMILY, BUT DECIDED
AGAINST--SINCE PROBABLY OUGHT NOT SEND PEOPLE DEEPLY/
EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED. ADDED ENCOURAGED SO FAR AT RESPONSE
VN GOVT, BUT NO ONE CAN PREDICT WHAT'S GOING HAPPEN IN
FUTURE; THINKS THEY WANT REESTABLISH RELS W/US; FEELS THEY
NEED HELP IN OIL EXPLORATION, NEED TRADE W/OUTSIDE WORLD AND
NOT BE COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES LIKE
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USSR/PRC, AND WE WANT MIA ACCOUNTING. SAID MISSION WILL
ARRIVE VN MARCH 16 IF PLANS GO THRU (NYT 3/6 TRANSCRIPT;
ALL SUNDAY PAPERS HAVE RESUME). -

UPI'S SORGE (CHIS-T 3/1) SAYS US/VN RELS COULD ENTER NEW
PHASE WITHIN 3 MOS; HANOI LOOKS FOR REBUILDING AID, NEEDS
AT LEAST 1 BILLION DOLS, CARTER ADMIN SHOWS SOME TREND
TOWARD RAPPROCHEMENT. REVIEWS MIA PROBLEM. NOTES VN'S
ECON REHABILITATION SO FAR SLOW, DESPITE AID FROM SEVERAL
COUNTRIES/UN AGENCIES.

INDIA OFFERS ASSIST VN IN OIL EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION/
NEGOTIATIONS W/FOREIGN OIL FIRMS/TRAINING TECHNICIANS
(JOC).

SUICIDE EPIDEMIC TRIGGERED IN SVN AFTER FALL GVN, ACCORD-
ING "NY REV" ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FRENCH-CANADIAN RC PRIEST
WHO LIVED THERE FROM 1948 UNTIL RECENT EXPULSION. ADDED
PEOPLE IN DESPAIR OVER ECON RUIN/SYSTEMATIC DIVISION
FAMILIES FOR RE-EDUCATION/WORK ON LAND (CDN 3/3).

KEYES BEECH (CDN 3/2) NOTES FORMER AMB MARTIN RETIRING,
W/SOUGHT-FOR VINDICATION ROLE IN SVN DENIED HIM. EDEL-
STEIN (CDN 3/3) ALSO NOTES MARTIN'S RETIREMENT; SAYS THAT
AMB LUCKY NOT CALLED UPON TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATE, SINCE
REPUTATION WOULD SUFFER IF HAD TO EXPLAIN WHY CHOSE NOT
ACCEPT CIA REPORTS IN CONNECTION W/EVACUATION AMCITS FROM
VN.

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

UNHCR LAUNCHES APPEAL FOR OVER 14 MILLION DOLS TO AID
INDOCHINA REFUGEES, MAINLY IN THAILAND. NEW PROGRAM
NEEDED TO CONTINUE AID THRU 1977. UNHCR CONTINUES EFFORTS
SPEED UP REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TO 3RD COUNTRIES (REUTER,
LAT 3/4).

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3. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

RTG/GOM SIGN JOINT BORDER PACT ALLOWING FOR "HOT PURSUIT"
OPNS ACROSS FRONTIER BY TROOPS OF EITHER HUNTING COMMU-
NIST GUERRILLAS (REUTER, CSM; WSTAR 3/5; ANDELMAN, NYT
3/5). SIGNING UNDERScores EFFECT GROWING INSURGENCIES
HAVING (WSTAR 3/5; ANDELMAN); IS 1 OF FEW DIPL ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS THAI MIL GOVT. RTG PLEDGED ACTION, HAS HAD SERIES
ENGAGEMENTS THAT GIVE APPEARANCE INCREASE IN WARFARE
(ANDELMAN).

THREE WHITE ELEPHANTS FOUND IN S/SE THAILAND. CONSIDERED
OMENS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FORTUNE FOR THAI MONARCHS (REUTER,
LAT 3/4).

4. PHILIPPINES

WP'S CURRY (3/6) REPORTS THAT DUE TO LEGAL TECHNICALITY,
COUNTRIES SUCH AS PHILS, MOROCCO, HONDURAS, JORDAN, ZAMBIA
TOGETHER NOW HAVE ACCESS TO 300,000 FEWER TONS FOOD UNDER
US "FOOD FOR PEACE" SALES PROGRAM, BECAUSE OF STUNNING
HARVESTS IN INDIA, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH.

5. JAPAN

GATT SEC GEN LONG SCHEDULED ARRIVE TOKYO 3/7 FOR SERIES MTGS W/FUKUDA/OTHER GOJ LEADERS ON WAYS EXPEDITE MULTILATERAL NEGOTS ON LOWERING WORLD TRADE BARRIERS. LONG EXPECTED ENCOURAGE JAPANESE PLAY MORE POSITIVE ROLE IN FACILITATING ANOTHER "TOKYO ROUND" (CULLISON, JOC).

TOMISABURO HASHIMOTO, FORMER TRANSPORT MIN/DEFENDANT IN LOCKHEED CASE, STABBED 3/6 IN ITAKO BY FORMER MENTAL PATIENT. INJURY NOT SERIOUS; POLICE SAID ATTACKER'S MOTIVE NONPOLITICAL, (AP NYT; SUN'S TAKAYAMA), THO WSTAR (3/6) REPORTS ATTACKER PLANNED MOVE FOR WEEK BECAUSE HE SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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HASHIMOTO WAS "DIRTY GUY"--DUE LOCKHEED INVOLVEMENT.

OVER 24,000 WORKERS/HOUSEWIVES RALLIED 3/6 IN TOKYO PARK/MARCHED THRU STREETS DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES/END TO INFLATION. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED (AP NYDN, WP, PHINQ).

JAPAN'S EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITE, LAUNCHED 2/23, HAS ACHIEVED STATIONARY ORBIT, MAKING JAPAN 3RD COUNTRY AFTER US/USSR ACCOMPLISH FEAT (REUTER, WP 3/6).

RYAN (JOC) REPORTS OECD SHIPBUILDING GROUP TO MEET 3/22-23, ON WHICH OCCASION JAPANESE SHIPYARDS WILL HAVE INFORMED GOJ OF THEIR REACTION TO PROPOSED 5-10 PCT INCREASE IN PRICES WHICH WILL BRING THEM CLOSER TO EUR LEVELS. WHILE JAPANESE SEEM WILLING COMPROMISE ON CERTAIN ISSUES, REMAIN IMPLACABLE ON REFUSAL EUR'S REQUEST 50-50 SHARING WORLD SHIPBUILDING ORDERS.

JOC SAYS WHILE SHIPBUILDING TALKS DRAGGED ON IN FEB, JAPANESE SHIPBUILDERS ASSN SPOKESMAN GAVE UNILATERAL ASSURANCES TO GERMAN SHIPYARDS THAT YARDS HE REPRESENTED WOULD CURTAIL EXPORTS TO FRG. BUSINESS CIRCLES EXPRESS DOUBT ON OFFER'S EFFECT, SINCE IS NON-BINDING, DOES NOT APPLY TO SMALLER YARDS NOT ASSN MEMBERS.

JOC'S WELS REPORTS CURRENT INDICATIONS SUGGEST JAPANESE MORE WILLING LET YEN APPRECIATE THAN ADOPT MORE EXPANSIONARY FISCAL/MONETARY POLS IN REPOSE FOM PRESSURE REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS. CHASE MANHATTAN BANK SEES THIS DUE FACT JAPANESE POLICYMAKERS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO COSTS OF HIGHER INFLATION RATES/RELUCTANT INCREASE ALREADY LARGE PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT.

ACCORDING JAPANESE LABOR MINISTRY, 44 PCT ALL JAPANESE ENTERPRISES OPERATED ON 5-DAY RATHER THAN 6-DAY SCHEDULES AS OF SEPT '75, MARKING 40 PCT INCREASE SINCE '70 UNCLASSIFIED

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(KANABAYSHI, WSJ)

6. KOREA

RADIO PYONGYANG REPORTS 100-PCT TURNOUT IN NK'S PROVINCIAL/MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 3/5 (AFP, WP 3/6).

ROKG PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INDICTS MOON CHURCH/ITS PHARMACEUTICAL SUBSIDIARY/6 OF ITS OFFICERS ON TAX EVASION CHARGES; NO EVIDENCE LINKING MOON PERSONALLY TO ALLEGED EVASION (AP, SUN).

ATTY GEN BELL ASSURES DOJ PROSECUTORS HE WILL PLACE NO DEADLINES ON KOREAN BRIBERY PROBE. AFTER MTG W/DOJ ATTYS 3/4, AT WHICH BELL REVIEWED WRITTEN STATUS REPORT, HE ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING HE WAS "SATISFIED" INVESTIGATION "BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED" IN "PROFESSIONAL MANNER" (AP, WP 3/5). OPPENHEIMER (WSTAR 3/5) ADDS BELL REPORTEDLY TOLD PROSECUTORS NOT TALK W/REPORTERS ABOUT INVESTIGATION/PROCEED W/IT RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

NYT'S MARRO REPORTS NUMBER GOVT SOURCES SAY DOJ INVESTIGATORS, ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN ATTEMPTS OBTAIN SOLID EVIDENCE OF BRIBERY IN KOREAN SCANDAL, HAVE BEGUN CONCENTRATE ON POSSIBLE TAX VIOLATIONS BY CONGRESSMEN AS BEST HOPE OBTAINING INDICTMENTS. QUOTES ONE DOJ SOURCE WHO THINKS INVESTIGATION "WILL GET BACK ON TRACK."

BEECHER (GLOBE 3/6) CITES SOURCES WHO SAY NSC STUDY ON FUTURE US POL TOWARD SK NEARING COMPLETION/SHOULD BE READY FOR PRES' CONSIDERATION LATER THIS MONTH. STUDY ATTEMPTS ARTICULATE RATIONALE/PROVIDE SERIES OPTIONS FOR TIMING TROOP WITHDRAWALS, SETS AS CORE OBJECTIVE PULLOUT ALL US GROUND TROOPS WITHIN NEXT 2-5 YRS. NEARLY 1/3 80-PG DRAFT EXPLORES ASPECTS HUMAN RTS ISSUE IN SK, ESTIMATING HOW VARIOUS WITHDRAWAL PKGS MIGHT AFFECT POL REPRESSIVENESS PARK'S REGIME/HOW US CONCERN OVER INTERNAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SITUATION COULD AFFECT CONGRESS' WILLINGNESS PROVIDE SK SUBSTANTIAL AID.

NYT'S KAMM (SEOUL) INTERVIEWS FORMER SK PRES YUN PO SUN, LIVING UNDER HOUSE ARREST SINCE 3/1/76, WHEN 18 INTELLECTUALS WHO DEPLORED HUMAN RTS RESTRICTION/URGED PARK RESIGN, WERE ARRESTED. YUN BELIEVES US SHOULD NOT SET ARBITRARY DATE FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL, BUT ALLOW TROOPS REMAIN UNTIL "REASONABLY CERTAIN" WAR CAN BE AVOIDED. SAYS US SHOULDN'T "GIVE UP" ON SK, URGES CARTER ADMIN "EXPRESS ITS FEELINGS WHENEVER STUDENTS, INTELLECTUALS AND CLERGY" REPRESSED FOR THEIR VIEWS. CONCLUDES EVEN IF

SITUATION BETTER IN SK THAN IN NK, "WE CAN'T SUFFER THIS SYSTEM MUCH LONGER."

UPI STORY (WP) SAYS ACCORDING SENATE DOCUMENTS RELEASED 3/6, US MIL LEADERS CONSIDERED USING A-BOMB DURING KOREAN WAR, BUT DIDN'T FIND ANY STRATEGIC TARGETS WORTHWHILE. DOCUMENTS ALSO SHOW JCS RECOMMENDED US USE NATLIST CHINESE FORCES IN COMBAT/BOMB CHINESE AIRFIELDS/PRODUCTION CENTERS.

7. CHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR), GWERTZMAN (NYT), OB ERDORFER (WP) REPORT VANCE'S 3/4 NEWS CONFERENCE; NOTE SEC SAID CHECK NIXON PAPERS REVEALED NO SECRET AGREEMENT/UNDERSTAND WITH PRC RE NORMALIZATION RELS. WP NOTES SEC PLANS VISIT PRC BEFORE YEAR OUT.

FROM BELGRADE, LAT'S SEEGER WRITES THAT ALBANIA, ONCE COUNTED PRC IDEOLOGICAL ALLY, NOW FINDS SELF MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER, SINCE NEW PRC REGIME CONTINUING SLOW PROCESS IMPROVING TIES WITH WEST AND REDUCING TIRANA CONNECTION (WP 3/6).

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REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS SAY MODERATES HAVE TAKEN OVER PRC MEDIA AS PURGE OF RADICALS CONTINUES (NYT, SUN; WP 3/6). PHINQ (REUTER) STORY ALSO NOTES PERSONNEL CHANGES IN PROVINCES CONTINUE AS HUA IMPLEMENTS NOV PLEDGE SHAKE UP TOP/MIDDLE-LEVEL BUREAUCRACIES. UPI (HK 3/4) SAYS WITH CHANGES IN HEILUNGKIANG/CHEKIANG/KIANGSU, FIVE PRC PROVINCES NOW HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP; IN HANGCHOW/NANCHANG, DISGRACED OFFICIALS HAULED BEFORE HUGE CROWDS (NYT).

VISITING DENVER SCHOOL CHILDREN WATCH WORK ON MAO MONUMENT WHICH PRC HOPES COMPLETE BEFORE '77 ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH (WSTAR 3/6).

BARRY KRAMER SAYS TAIWAN'S IMPORT OF MAINLAND PRODUCTS FOR WHICH ROC LONG HAS CLANDESTINELY GRANTED SPECIAL IMPORT LICENSES, HAS INCREASED 50 OVER '75 AND 80 OVER '74 TRADE. NOTES IN ADDITION TO OFFICIAL TALLY, CONSIDERABLE SMUGGLING OF LARGELY ONE-WAY TRADE (WSJ 3/7).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

KEYES BEECH (HK) SAYS THERE IS GROWING US DISENCHANTMENT WITH PRC, WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS "SQUALID DRAGON," NO BETTER/WORSE THAN REST BUT WHICH MANY PREDISPOSED SEE AS

VERY BEAUTIFUL/UGLY. TROUBLE IS, CHINESE PRETEND MORALLY SUPERIOR. SAYS SINCE '49 PRC MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS, NOWHERE GO BUT UP; BUT EVENTS OF PAST YEAR HARDLY INDICATE POL STABILITY, STRUGGLE CONTINUES. SAYS DISENCHANTMENT PREDICTABLE GIVEN HISTORY OF RELS AND STILL NEED FOR UNLIKELY BALANCED VIEW OF PRC (CDN 2/28).

HERBERT MITGANG (NYT 3/6) SAYS ROXANE WITKE BOOK, "COMRADE CHIANG CHING: RECOLLECTIONS OF HER LIFE AND HISTORY," TO BE PUBLISHED MID-APRIL WITH "TIME" MAG EXCERPTS
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EXPECTED THIS MONTH. BOOK WILL PROVIDE GLIMPSE OF MAO'S WORLD, INCLUDING CHANGING ROLE OF WOMEN IN PRC, AND CHIANG CHING SELF-IMAGE AS REVOLUTIONARY LEADER.

SUN'S WU (HK 3/5) SAYS ARTICLE IN MARCH "RED FLAG" CARRIES FAVORABLE REVIEW OF HUA'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE NORMALCY AFTER 5 MONTHS IN OFFICE, INCLUDING MOVES TO ELIMINATE INFLUENCE "GANG OF FOUR" IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND END ANARCHY/STRIFE, ETC GANG'S LOCAL AGENTS CAUSED IN PROVINCES. ARTICLE ALSO WARNS AGAINST SELF-COMPLACENCY, SAYS ARDUOUS TASKS REMAIN.

LAT'S LESLIE (HK 3/4) SAYS SELECTION OF NEW PROVINCIAL LEADERS SUGGESTS NEW STRESS ON DISCIPLINE. CHANGES GIVE PRC FEWER VACANCIES IN PROVINCES THAN ANY TIME SINCE GPCR LAUNCHED, AND INDICATE LEADERSHIP ABLE REACH CONSENSUS RE UN-CONTROVERSIAL APPOINTMENTS. SEES CONCERN OVER ORDER/STRIFE PROMPTING CHANGES IN CHEKIANG/YUNNAN/KIANGSU.

FROM HK, BUTTERFIELD NOTES PROVINCIAL PARTY/MIL LEADERSHIP CHANGES HAVE CREATED NEAR SOUTHERN REGIONAL POWER BASE FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS. DEVELOPMENT ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO POST MAO ERA WEAKNESS CENTRAL LEADERSHIP. CHANGES HAVE ENHANCED POWER OF HSU SHIH-YU AND WEI KUO-CHING. BUTTERFIELD ALSO CITES CONTINUING PROBLEMS PLAGUE PRC ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY RAILWAYS. PEKING ATTEMPTING DEAL WITH RR PROBLEM AND HAS ALSO INDICATED ARMY NEEDS SOME SHAPING UP (NYT 3/6).

TRUDEAU'S "DOONESBURY" FINDS "UNCLE DUKE" IN PEKING ON PHONE TO "CY," TRYING CONVINCE HIM SPARE FEW TACTICAL MISSILES TO HELP HUA GET PROVINCIAL RIOTS UNDER CONTROL; "CY" WANTS CHECK HIS NEW "CODE OF ETHICS MANUAL" TO SEE IF IT'S OK; BUT NEITHER "CY" NOR UNCLE DUKE CAN FIND COPY.

9. HONG KONG
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IN HK, JOC'S TIER SAYS US STILL HK'S NO. 1 EXPORT MARKET; BANKING/PUBLISHING CENTER, AND ASIAN HQ FOR MANY AMERICAN MULTINATIONAL CORPS. SAYS CONSUMER ELECTRONICS BIG '77 GROWTH AREA FOR HK EXPORTERS. EXPORTERS TO HK FACE CONSIDERABLE COMPETITION, US SHARE MAKT NOW 12-13 . OUTSIDE US/CANADA, HK WORLDS' LARGEST PER CAPITA CONSUMER US AGRIC PRODUCTS AND COULD BE LONG-TERM GROWTH MARKET FOR US. ANOTHER AREA US EXPORTS TO HK IS HIGH TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL GOODS FOR WHICH INCREASING DEMAND.

US IMPORTS FROM ASIA EXPECTED INCREASE '77, SAYS DR. R. JALLOW, VP AND CHIEF ECONOMIST OF LA-BASED UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK. ADDS HK SHOULD BE ABLE INCREASE EXPORT TEXTILE/APPAREL TO US THIS YEAR, DUE TO INCREASE CONSUMER SPENDING/CONFIDENCE AND LOW US RETAIL INVENTORIES, DUE TO STRONGER THAN EXPECTED CHRISTMAS SALES (JOC 3/7).

10. KOREA

TAD SZULC (NYT MAG 3/6) DOES PIECE ON KCIA. MENTIONS ROLE KIM SANG KEUN WHO WAS KCIA "PAYMASTER" AT SK EMBASSY WASHINGTON, THEN DEFECTED IN WAKE PAYOFF SCANDALS. QUOTES GOVT SOURCES THAT KIM GIVING DETAILED TESTIMONY THAT MAY LEAD TO INDICTMENTS CONGRESSMEN/EX-CONGRESSMEN/US-SK "INTERMEDIARIES." OPINES KIM DEFECTED FOR FEAR MIGHT BE MADE SCAPEGOAT, DUE INFO SURFACING IN US RE "KOREAN CONNECTION"; DESCRIBES SHAKEUPS IN SEOUL/SK EMB WASHINGTON.

REVIEWS KCIA HISTORY/ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITIES. SAYS EA/K HAS "THICK FILE" COMPLAINTS FROM KOREANS IN US RE KCIA HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION, HAS PROTESTED TO SK EMB/REQUESTED FBI INVESTIGATION. NOTES KCIA'S MOST AMBITIOUS SCHEME WAS MASSIVE LOBBYING EFFORT IN WASHINGTON TO "BUY" CONGRESSMEN W/FAVORS/ATTENTIONS; NOTES TONGSUN PARK'S ROLE/POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNIFICATION CHURCH INVOLVEMENT. CONCLUDES DECISIVE ANSWER AS TO WHETHER KCIA WILL CONTINUE BE ABLE "REACH" KOREANS IN US MUST COME FROM CARTER ADMIN; PRES MUST MOVE FORCEFULLY, END SK'S ABUSE EVEN AT RISK ANTAGONIZING PARK.

IN DISCUSSION BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR CHOICE, WP FINDS UNDERSTANDABLE RELUCTANCE TO BE SEEN BOWING TO US DICTATION OF ITS NUKE POLICY. NOTES BRAZIL IS NOT SK--"SMALL DEPENDENCY" THAT ABANDONED SIMILAR PLANS UNDER US PRESSURE.

GERMOND/WITCOVER (PHINQ) REVIEW HOUSE ETHICS CODE. NOTE NOW IN WRITING THAT CONGRESSMEN CANNOT ACCEPT MONEY FROM "SMILING SOUTH KOREANS." SAY VOTERS MAD AT CONGRESS THAT WAS "WALTZING AROUND WITH THE KOREANS" 1 DAY, GAVE SELF PAY RAISE NEXT. FIND NEW ETHICS CODE GUARANTEE AGAINST

LEGALIZED STEALING, BUT NO ASSURANCE THAT THOSE BOUND BY IT WILL NOT REACT TO LAST VOICE THEY HEAR--ONLY ASSURANCE THAT VOICE WON'T BE THAT OF SOME "SMILING SOUTH KOREAN."

NYT'S MARRO (3/6) SAYS DESPITE DENIALS, IS CLEAR THAT OVER YEARS CIA HAS FUNNELED MILLIONS TO SCORES OF FOREIGN LEADERS. ADDRESSES QUESTION WHETHER RESULTS ARE WORTH EXPENSE. ASKS WHAT US HAS BEEN BUYING WITH PAYMENTS TO LEADERS IN ASIA, AFRICA, OTHER AREAS. OBSERVES INTELL SOURCES SAY MONEY USED MOSTLY TO BUY ACCESS--WHICH ESSENTIALLY IS WHAT KICA ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN TRYING DO HERE. POINTS OUT DISCLOSURES ABOUT PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN LEADERS HAVE THUS FAR FAILED EVOKE SEVERE CRITICISM, AT LEAST NOT FROM WH/CONGRESS.

11. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) NOTES THAT OVER PAST FEW WEEKS AUSSIE BANKS HAVE BEEN TELLING GOVT THEY ARE NOT HAPPY WITH NATION'S ECON HEALTH; OBSERVES THAT RARELY HAVE SO MANY OF THEM COME OUT IN SUCH SHORT SPACE OF TIME TO UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT ON ECONOMY--WITH "APPARENT" LACK OF GOVT POLICY, OR AT LEAST CONSISTENT POLICY, LYING AT HEART OF CRITICISM.

WP (3/6), CONTRASTING PRES CARTER'S "GOOD AND HIGH-MINDED WORDS" ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SITUATION IN "WORLD OF REALITY," OBSERVES DOS STILL DENIES VISAS TO FOREIGN COMMUNISTS DESIRING ENTER/TALK WITH AMCITS. NOTES LATEST EXAMPLE IN AUSTRALIAN NAMED JACK MUNDEY, NOW ENGAGED IN CAMPAIGN TO BRING ORGANIZED LABOR INTO ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS. SAYS AFL-CIO OPPOSED TO HAVING MUNDEY TALK WITH UNIONISTS, AND DOS, DESPITE "STIRRING MUSIC" AT CARTER NEWS CONFERENCE APPARENTLY WILLING WAIVE MCCARRAN ACT AND ALLOW COMMUNIST ENTRY ONLY WHEN THIS CAN BE DONE QUIETLY.

12. JAPAN

WP (3/6) PRINTS EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH BY LOCKHEED CHRMN HAACK BEFORE FRISCO COMMONWEALTH CLUB, 2/4. HAACK ENUMERATES STEPS LOCKHEED HAS TAKEN IN ORDER ASSURE NONE OF ITS AGENTS DOES ANYTHING "ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER" IN FUTURE. AT SAME TIME, CITES SEVERAL PROBLEMS W/ADHERENCE STRICT ETHICS CODE, ILLUSTRATING ISSUE "NOT BLACK AND WHITE."

MOSKOWITZ (SF-CHRON 2/26) QUOTES RCA CHRMN POLLACK, WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT INFLUX JAPANESE TV INTO US MARKET REPLIED, "WE'VE GOT TO EARN THE BUSINESS TO MAINTAIN IT." ZENITH CHRMN NEVIN FEELS POLLACK'S ATTITUDE DUE FACT RCA MAKES SUBSTANTIAL INCOME BY LICENSING ELECTRONIC

KNOW-HOW TO JAPANESE. NOTES RCA CAN SURVIVE W/O TV BUSINESS, BUT ZENITH WOULD BE FORCED FOLD. MOSKOWITZ REMARKS THAT WHILE ZENITH INSISTS JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY NOT SUPERIOR TO US, FIRM WILL NOT MARKET OWN VIDEO PLAYER/REORDER THIS YR, BUT WILL OFFER INSTRUMENTS BEARING ZENITH BRAND NAME MFRD BY ANOTHER CO--SONY.

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CULLISON (JOC) SAYS EVIDENCE INDICATES CARTER ADMIN DOES NOT INTEND ALLOW US' TRADE DEFICIT W/JAPAN BECOME MAJOR SOURCE TENSION BETW US-JAPAN. STATES USG HAS INFORMED GOJ ON NUMBER OCCASIONS IT ATTACHES GREATER IMPORTANCE TO US' OVERALL EX-IM EQUILIBRIUM THAN TO BILAT TRADE BALANCES. WHILE PRES APPARENTLY WON'T GIVE IN TO PROTECTIONIST CIRCLES, JAPANESE FEEL USG WILL PRESS FOR MOVES CORRECT SITUATION TO SOME EXTENT.

NYT'S MALCOLM NOTES RECENT OFFICE BLDG SEIZURE BY JAPANESE RIGHTISTS HAS AGAIN FOCUSED INTL ATTENTION ON COUNTRY'S UNIQUE POL EXTREMISTS. REVIEWS HOW RIGHTISTS' RISE LED TO WWII, SAYS WHILE MOST "OLD-TIMERS" NOW NOTHING MORE THAN "CURIOSITY," SOME HAVE REMAINED WELL-CONNECTED POLITICALLY. RECOUNTS INCIDENT/HOW SOME JAPANESE, WHO REJECT RIGHTIST POL STANCE, ADMIRE EVOCATION OF EARLIER ERA OF "HONOR." QUOTES DIPLOMAT, "JAPANESE ADMIRE GLORIOUS LOSERS."

13. GENERAL

HOLUSHA (WSTAR 3/6) OBSERVES HUMAN RTS ADVOCACY SEEMS STOP AT INTL BANKING. NOTES TRES SECY TESTIFIED BEFORE SENATE SUBCMTE THAT US SHOULD NOT WITHHOLD CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTL LENDING INSTITUTIONS, EVEN THO SOME NATIONS THAT GET LOANS ABUSE HUMAN RTS. BELIEVES ATTITUDE FACES STIFF FIGHT IN CONGRESS.

PHINQ APPLAUDS 200-MI LIMIT THAT GIVES US INDUSTRY 1ST CRACK AT FISH. BELIEVES LAW'S EFFECTIVENESS DEPENDS ON WILLINGNESS OTHER COUNTRIES OBSERVE IT; FORTUNATELY, MOST HAVE AGREED ABIDE BY IT--BUT THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE/DIMINISH NEED FOR MORE COORDINATED/COMPREHENSIVE LOS AGREEMENT.

CURRY (WP 3/6) DESCRIBES SUGAR DILEMMA FACED BY USG: CUTTING IMPORTS MEANS HIGHER PRICES BUT WILL HELP DOMESTIC
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PRODUCERS, THO HURT O'SEAS PRODUCERS.

14. ADD NEWS - GENERAL

AP (SINGAPORE) REPORTS FOREIGN NEWSMEN APPEAR UNDER
INCREASING PRESSURE FROM SEA GOVTS. NOTES SEVERAL CORRES-
PONDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPELLED, THREATENED WITH EXPULSION OR
DENIED RE-ENTRY. CITES INDONESIA'S BANNING "NEWSWEEK,"
THAI EXPULSION OF FEER'S PEAGAM, PHIL'S ACCUSATIONS
AGAINST WIDEMAN. IN SWEEPING COVERAGE OF PRESS TREATMENT
IN AREA, NOTES POLITICANS IN SINGAPORE/INDONESIA/PHILS/
THAILAND CHIDE FOREIGN PRESS FOR WHAT THEY DEEM UNFAIR
COMMENT, UNSYMPATHETIC COVERAGE OR SUBVERSION.
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Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
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